

SWOSU Medical Professions Club Members Demonstrate Health Services to Girl Scouts

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The girl scouts went through five student-led rotations to gain hands-on health field experience. Health sciences major Stephanie Souvannachak taught participants about the eye and tested their vision.

Sandra Souvannachak, a second-year SWOSU pharmacy student, led participants through exercises involving the mixing, compounding and distribution of prescription drugs (represented by candy and water dyed with food coloring).

Health sciences major Alex Sherry and marketing major Wendy Slater taught participants the differences between pursuing a career in physical therapy and occupational therapy. The girl scouts also got to test their reaction time, flexibility and ability to do every day activities one-handed.

Microbiology and health sciences graduate student Whitney Sawatzky instructed participants on how to take their vital signs, and they were able to see if their blood pressure, body temperature and pulse were within a healthy range.

Lastly, biology major Courtney Abernathy led a "surgery" session, in which the girl scouts scrubbed and gloved up to dissect specimens donated from the anatomy lab by the SWOSU Biological Sciences and instructor Sue Ball. The event was coordinated by health sciences major Sarah Souvannachak.

According to Medical Professions Club sponsor Dr. Lisa Appeddu, the girl scouts had an excellent time and club members did an outstanding job teaching their professions.